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# High Wych CE Primary School Success and Excellence within a Caring Christian Environment

# Occasional Day

### Occasional Day- 27th November

As we are unable to use our Occasional day in the usual way this year-due to a National Lockdown and no shops will be open - we have decided to keep the school OPEN on this day and rearrange this for a day in the spring term (or maybe summer term) when it will allow better use of the day. We will let you know when things are more settled at the start of the spring term. Thank you for your understanding.

### Christmas Shoeboxes

We are again supporting this worthwhile charity. Please send your filled boxes in to school by **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you.

### Free school meals during school holidays- from Herts CC

There has been a lot of talk around free school meals (FSM) and how we can support vulnerable families in school holidays. Child poverty and hunger is an important ongoing issue.

Although the scheme wasn't extended this Autumn half-term, there is help available for low income families at any time by contacting:

www.hertshelp.net

info@hertshelp.net

0300 123 4044

### Value of the month

November Value is **Courage** and the stories used to support this are George and the Dragon and David and the Giant Killer (Samuel 17). (SUCCESSFUL- Please see the website for a list of the values used).

We will take part in the two minute Remembrance Day silence in our classrooms on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Poppies**

The children are able to buy poppies in school this week in a way that is Covid safe. Please send the children in with a donation if you would like them to take part.

### Face masks

Please remember to wait 2m apart from all adults when you are collecting your children. If possible you should wear a face mask or stay in your cars to ensure that the risks are reduced even further. Thank you.

### Children in Need - Friday 13th November

The children can come to school in non-uniform to take part in this charity event. Please either bring in your donation, minimum £1, or make your donation through Schoolcomms. Please don't use face paints or any hair colour. Please also make sure that the children have something warm to wear inside and outside. Thank you.

### Mrs Cox

We are really pleased to let you know that Mrs Cox had a baby girl on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Mum and baby are doing well.

### Nasal Flu vaccination

This will take place in school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November for children in Reception to Year 6. Please send in any outstanding consent forms as soon as possible. Please note that you still need to complete and return a form **if you don't want your child to be vaccinated**.

### Reminder - PE Kits

Please make sure that all items are individually named to help ensure that the children don't lose items.

### Parent View

On a regular basis the Governing Body ask you to complete a questionnaire to help us understand how your children feel at school. You will soon be receiving, via Schoolcomms, a link to a 10 question Monkey Survey for your child's class.

Please can you complete it by Friday 13th November. Thank you for your help.

## Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 16th December

We will be offering the children Christmas dinner this year; however, it will be in a different way and will be classroom based. More details to follow soon.

### Dates for the term

November	Values: Courage
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Safety Seymour Year 2
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Shoebox collection
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu vaccinations, Rec - Year 6
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need - Non uniform day
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week
December	Values: Compassion
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term - early finish, see table below, no ASC
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Term starts

Year 6 and Year 5	1.40pm
Year 4 and Year 3	1.45pm
Year 2	1.40pm
Year 1	1.50 pm
Reception and Nursery	1.55pm

Yours sincerely Mrs M. J. West Headteacher